



WSOP CIRCUIT 2018-19 EVENT REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Harrah's Cherokee (Cherokee, N.C.)	Date:	26 November 2018
Event:	No-Limit Hold'em Re-Entry	Entries:	2,273
Buy-in:	\$400	Prizepool:	\$750,090

TOM GOUVEIA TOPS RE-ENTRY FOR 1ST GOLD RING

Long road leads Tom Gouveia to monumental achievement.

Elilton "Tom" Gouveia won his first World Series of Poker gold ring and \$104,807 by topping a field of 2,273 entrants in Event #1: \$400 No-Limit Hold'em Re-entry at Harrah's Cherokee Circuit series. The tournament consisted of four separate starting flights and a very extensive Day 2.

"It feels amazing. I mean, I've been dreaming about that," said Gouveia who entered in Event #1 as gift to himself. "Last Friday was my birthday. I was telling my wife, 'okay, I just want to go and play. It's going to be kind of a present.'"

Gouveia survived Flight C with a healthy stack of 385,000 and a feeling in his gut that told him he could go all the way. "I don't know, I just felt it was going to happen," he stated.

Day 2 began with Level 21 and 160 players remaining. From there, the 37-year-old carved his way to the unofficial final table, managing to sit in the middle of the pack with 4,500,000 in chips.

Irene Carey reigned as chip leader throughout most of the final table and ended up being Gouveia's heads-up opponent. The two competitors hashed it out for a good while, each with dedicated rails watching and cheering them on the whole time.

"Not really," Gouveia said when asked if the crowd affected him at all. "I was very focused," he continued "I'm just happy I had the support of my friends from back home. I appreciate each one of them to be here with me at this moment. It's a special moment for me."

After a few key double ups, Gouveia finally struck the final blow midway through Level 38, claiming the Re-Entry honors. He will return to his home in Acworth, Georgia with a six-figure payday, WSOP gold ring, and an unforgettable achievement to share.

MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Elilton "Tom" Gouveia	Age:	37
Nationality:	USA	Occupation:	Business Owner
Current Residence:	Acworth, Ga.	WSOP Bracelets:	0
		Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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